

# LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS

PRESENTS

## 2021-2022 A Night of Celebration

# CELEBRATING OUR SUPERHEROES

Honoring Our

Glenn-Howell Distinguished Educators, School-Related Employees,  
Teachers of the Year, 2021-2022 Retirees,  
Volunteer, PFE and Mentors

Glenn-Howell Distinguished  
Educator of the Year



**Baleasa Hill**

Oak Ridge Elementary School  
Dr. Jasmine Smith, Principal

School-Related  
Employee of the Year



**Roderick Sailor**

Sabal Palm Elementary School  
Anicia Robinson, Principal

Teacher of the Year



**Ashlyn Laughlin**

Pineview Elementary School  
Carmen Conner, Principal

## Drive-Thru Celebration

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

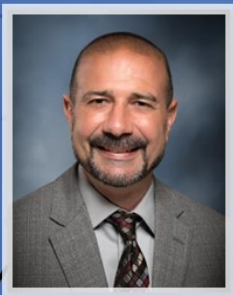
LCS Administrative Offices

2757 W. Pensacola Street – Tallahassee, Florida 32304

**NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES  
BUT THEY STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

# Congratulations

School Related Employees of the Year  
Glenn-Howell Distinguished Educators of the Year  
Teachers of the Year  
LCS Retirees  
Volunteers  
Mentors  
Partners



Your Biggest Fan,  
Rocky Hanna  
Superintendent



# Award History

## Glenn-Howell Distinguished Educator of the Year

This award is named for Devurn Glenn, Ph.D. and Aquilina C. Howell, both retired educators. Dr. Glenn for whom the *Devurn Glenn District Office Complex* at 2757 W. Pensacola Street is named, was a classroom teacher, school-level administrator and District-level administrator. He served as the first African American Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Personnel for the Leon County School District. Mrs. Howell, “Aquilina” as she was affectionately called and for whom the Aquilina C. Howell Instructional Service Center at 3955 W. Pensacola Street is named, was a classroom teacher and guidance counselor. She held District-level positions as supervisor of guidance, secondary education supervisor, and director of secondary education. She was appointed the first female African American Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Instruction for the Leon County School District. During their careers, both of these fine educators touched the lives of thousands of young people and adults alike. They were faithful, committed, and dedicated to serving this school District and the greater Tallahassee community. This District is pleased to recognize them as outstanding role models. Mrs. Howell passed away on January 21, 2000.

For many years, the Florida Department of Education conducted the Ida S. Baker Distinguished Minority Educator Award as a statewide recognition. When it was discontinued in the late 1990s, then-Superintendent William J. Montford felt it important to continue this process as a local recognition supported by the Leon County School District. The founding chairperson of this award was Dr. Malinda W. Jackson-James.

## School Related Employee of the Year

This program recognizes outstanding education support personnel for the significant contributions they make to their schools and district school systems. The program honors one state representative and four finalists. In accordance with Florida Statute section 1012.21(5), the bureau provides coordination and technical assistance in the nomination, selection, and recognition processes.

Nomination packets are sent to district superintendents at the beginning of each school year. Selection processes may differ by district. Only one nomination may be submitted by a district to the state and only the superintendent may make the nomination.

All non-certified, non-instructional educational support personnel who serve at the school or district level (such as teacher aides, library aides, bookkeepers, secretaries and clerks, bus drivers, food service staff, custodians, building maintenance workers, warehouse workers, mechanics, nurses, and office managers) may be nominated. Nominees may be full-time or part-time employees. Instructional and administrative personnel as defined in Section 1012.01(2) (a) – (d) and (3). Certified administrative staff and contract employees are not eligible.

## Teacher of the Year

The Leon County Schools Teacher of the Year recognition program has been in place since 1968. For 54 years, Leon County Schools has been honoring one teacher that represents the best of what teaching is all about. This program recognizes and honors the contributions of outstanding classroom teachers who have demonstrated a superior capacity to inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities. Each year, individual schools across the District honor one of their teachers as the school's Teacher of the Year. These teachers are entered into the Leon County Schools Teacher of the Year program. The top five teachers in the District are then interviewed by a District-based committee composed of past Teachers of the Year, District administrators, parent leaders, and community members who select the winner. Leon County Schools has more than 2,000 teachers and its highest honor is to be named Teacher of the Year.

## Volunteer - Mentors - Partners For Excellence

The Leon County Schools Volunteer Program has been in existence for over five decades and was started in 1969 at Timberlane Elementary School (present day Gilchrist Elementary School). Volunteer have been enriching and shaping the future by sharing their gifts of time and talents with the students of Leon County Schools.

The Leon County Schools Mentor Program began in 1985 and was initially called Tutor Train. The program began at Gilchrist Elementary School. Mentors serve at least one semester and work one-on-one with students each week.

The Outstanding School Volunteer Award is presented annually to Volunteer who have shown outstanding dedication and commitment to quality education in Leon County Schools. The Outstanding School Volunteer award recognizes Volunteer in the following categories: youth, adult, senior, and mentor. A selection committee chooses the winner from each category based on a review of redacted nominations.

The Partners for Excellence Program began in 1984 and links businesses, agencies, organizations, and higher education institutions together with local schools. Business Partners greatly enhance the learning environments in schools by providing donations of volunteer time, goods and services, or monetary contributions.

The Partners for Excellence Award began in 2007 and recognizes exemplary business Partners. The award recognizes nominees in the following categories: Large Business, Small Business, and Government Agencies/Non-Profit Organizations.

**2022 GLENN-HOWELL DISTINGUISHED  
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

**BALEASA HILL**

Oak Ridge Elementary School

Dr. Jasmine Smith, Principal





# OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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Dr. Jasmine Smith  
Principal

Terri Martin,  
Assistant Principal



## STATEMENT OF NOMINATION

It is a distinct pleasure to provide a Statement of Nomination for Baleasa Hill; our 2021-22 Glenn Howell Distinguished Educator of the Year. The depth and breadth of Baleasa's commitment and service to the Oak Ridge Community is both extraordinary and expansive.

I am a firm believer that things happen in your life at just the right time and just the right moment. Baleasa Hill joined the Oak Ridge family during a time in which was tremendously difficult for us as a school family. I had just completed my first year as Principal at Oak Ridge and was trying to recover from earning a school grade of D (the school's third consecutive D) and preparing myself and my staff or all that would come as we were faced with improvement for the 2018-19 school year or possible school closure.

During a time that was the most critical in my career as I led a school and community that was literally facing school closure, I found myself facing weekly DOE visits, lowered morale, 55% teacher turnover rate, and to top it off tremendously low Reading proficiency rates. It was decided that we would have both a Primary and Intermediate Reading Coach so that we could better serve the needs of our school community. When I met Baleasa, she had been serving as a first-grade teacher at Riley Elementary School and her resume and work to support early learning was exceptional. It became immediately evident in our interview that Baleasa was the perfect person for the Primary Reading Coach position at Oak Ridge, but it was also immediately evident that she believed in the power of having high expectations for children and finding any way possible to ensure that they met them.

Baleasa joined our team as a Reading Coach and immediately began to bond with both the students and staff. It was as if she had been there the entire time that I had been at the school. Under her leadership and guidance, we created what became known as the Epic Book Club. Baleasa formed a book club for some of our 2nd grade students that were proficient and on the cusp of being proficient readers with the hopes that working with them during the summer would help them to not experience summer learning loss. Each student in the book club was given a device to use which gave them access to over 30,000 book titles. She created a required book list and met with the students to discuss the books. What we experienced that summer was nothing short of amazing. Over the course of the summer, ten students read thousands of books. We realized at that moment how impactful access was for our school community. This was in 2019, well before we went 1:1 as a school district.

This is just one of many examples of how Baleasa has positively impacted our school community. She currently serves as the Sponsor for both our Girl Scout Troop and our 100 Girls of Code Club. She meets with these students on weekends and organizes and facilitates innovative and engaging activities for them. She also leads Intervention Groups, models for teachers, monitors data regularly, and organizes and implements our Accelerated Reader Program. Under her guidance, our percentage of students making their AR goal has doubled and there is visible excitement about reading in the building. And even during Covid, our Learning Gains for our Lowest Quartile students increased from the 2018-19 school year by nearly ten percent. That is a testament to the fact that there are no quick fixes with Baleasa. There is just true knowledge of the Science of Reading and even greater commitment to ensuring that our students meet their highest potential.

I don't know if I can accurately capture on paper all that Baleasa has given to Oak Ridge and how honored I am to have the opportunity to work with her. As a principal, I have learned so much from her and have great respect for her work. Leon County Schools could not honestly select a better person as our 2022 District Glenn Howell Distinguished Educator of the Year. In closing, I highly support Baleasa Hill's nomination. Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Signed:

Jasmine C. Smith, Ed.D.

Oak Ridge Elementary School  
Principal

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# 2022 GLENN-HOWELL DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR—FINALISTS

VERNISHA HOWARD

Frank Hartsfield Elementary School



LYNN JONES

Leon County Regional  
Juvenile Detention Center



CAVETTE GRAY

Pineview Elementary School



CAITLYN WHITLEY

Lillian C. Ruediger Elementary School





**2022 SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

**RODERICK SAILOR**

Sabal Palm Elementary School

Anicia Robinson, Principal



# Sabal Palm Elementary at Dale Mabry Field Technology and Robotics Magnet School

2813 Ridgeway Street  
Tallahassee FL 32310  
(850) 488-0167 (850) 922-8481 fax  
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October 19, 2021

Dear Nominating Committee,

It is my pleasure to nominate Mr. Roderick Sailor as Sabal Palm's School Related Employee of the Year. Mr. Sailor is a deserving recipient of this nomination for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Sailor has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Not only has he been an integral part of the successful learning that occurs in our 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade self-contained classroom, but he is a prominent figure on campus. He has taken it upon himself to take the teaching certification exams and go through professional development to truly be a part of the instructional learning on campus. Mr. Sailor attends every workshop, every faculty and staff meeting.

Mr. Sailor has assisted over the years with reading and math interventions and small group instruction for access students, which has helped us produce the highest learning gains in the school district for the 2018-2019 school year. He has taken it upon himself to conduct home visits with individualized instruction for his students on a weekly basis during the pandemic. He works with the students and their families to make sure that all for their individual needs are met both in the classroom and at home a swell. His ability to get students to move to higher levels is unmatched. Mr. Sailor' willingness to take on task, make them her own and master curriculum is second to none. He takes on the curriculum and brings it to life by having students develop a visual of what they are reading to be able to allow them to master the state standards.

Mr. Sailor also shares her talents by working with our afterschool students by being a co-sponsor for Robotics and any activity involving our male students. He works with the Tallahassee VEX group and our school based technology instructor to make sur that they students are prepared for their end of the year competitions. Mr. Sailor also volunteers his time in the community by coaching students in football and baseball.

Sabal Palm Elementary School would not be the same without Mr. Roderick Sailor. Not only has she become an integral part of the ESE team, but he is an important member of the Patriot Family.

Sincerely,  
  
Anicia R. Robinson  
Principal

**Anicia Robinson**  
Principal

**Shannon Davis**  
Assistant Principal

**Wilfred Brown**  
Assistant Principal

**Rocky Hanna**  
Superintendent

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# 2022 SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR—FINALISTS

JENNIFER BROWN

Buck Lake Elementary School



LEJINA PAYNE

DeSoto Trail Elementary School



ALTAMEASE MILES

Gretchen Everhart School



SHIGELLA McGRIFF

Augusta Raa Middle School



**2022 TEACHER OF THE YEAR**  
**ASHLYN LAUGHLIN**

Pineview Elementary School

Carmen Conner, Principal





# PINEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2230 Lake Bradford Road  
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Tallahassee, FL 32310  
Website: [leonschools.net/Pineview](http://leonschools.net/Pineview)

**CARMEN CONNER**  
PRINCIPAL

**ORONDE MCKHAN**  
ASST. PRINCIPAL

November 2, 2021

Dear Teacher of the Year Nominating Committee,

I am so pleased to write this letter of nomination for Pineview Elementary School's Teacher of the Year winner, Ashlyn Laughlin. Without a doubt, Ms. Laughlin exemplifies the qualities and attributes that will leave the selection committee with no other choice other than selecting her as Leon County School's Teacher of the Year!

To better acquaint you with Ms. Laughlin, please allow me to describe exactly how wonderful she is! Immediately after graduating from college she started her teaching career here at Pineview Elementary "by choice". Her desire to want to make a difference in a school that was deemed failing (at the time) ignited a fire not only within herself, but also amongst her teammates. She brought on a new perspective of teaching that brought forth new experiences for our students. Under her tutelage, all of our kindergartners now have the opportunity to complete hands-on learning practices that have now become "kindergarten staples".

Moreover, even amid the many barriers that exist in a Title I school, she sets high standards for herself and her students. Take for example the level of growth that she made with her students within the past nine weeks, from the beginning of the year baseline assessments to the end of the first nine weeks her class went from 20% to 62% of her students being at or above grade level. She achieves such greatness in such a short period of time with intentional acts that directly impact her students and their learning. This level of accelerated growth is attained through adding minutes to her daily instruction and providing deliberate practice segments throughout the school day. Over the past two years, she has perfected her delivery of instruction and her students' data is evidence of how tailored instruction can meet the needs of students and place them on the road to proficiency.

Additionally, she devotes time outside of her regular work day to develop skills with our lowest performing students in kindergarten. This two-year venture has been the key to bridging the gap of learning loss of our kindergartners that came to us without any prior schooling experience. This extra layer of learning has changed the trajectory of students learning and has gotten most on grade level before the end of the school year.

Ms. Laughlin is an amazing teacher and has built a sturdy foundation for which her students will thrive upon as they matriculate through school. Because of her, her students and our kindergarten program will produce some of the best prepared students in Leon County Schools! For this reason alone, she should be the district winner for Teacher of the Year.

Most Sincerely,



Carmen Conner

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# 2022 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

LINDA JOHNSON

Deerlake Middle School



ASHLEY PROSSER

Fort Braden K-8 School



LEA MARSHALL

Leon High School



DR. ROBIN WOOD

William J. Montford, III Middle School



# 2021-2022 HONOREES

## **Adult & Community Education**

*Regina Browning*, Principal  
Ervin Alday, RETIREE  
Karen Atkinson, RETIREE  
Catherine Baham, GH  
Verdell Hall, RETIREE  
Elizabeth Heffington, Senior Volunteer  
Brenda Lee, RETIREE  
Vanessa Rua, Adult Volunteer  
Josephine Sloan, SREY/RETIREE  
Edna Walker, TOY/RETIREE

## **Apalachee Tapestry Magnet School of the Arts**

*Tiffany Williams*, Principal  
Nicole Green, TOY  
Anthony Jones, Senior Volunteer  
Samantha Love, GH  
Christopher Seabrooks, SREY  
Curtis Watson, RETIREE  
Faith Baptist Church, PFE

## **Astoria Park Elementary School**

*Cassandra Poole*, Principal  
Jasmyne Holmes, GH  
LaTasha Jones, TOY  
Deborah Madden, RETIREE  
Katrinka Norwood, RETIREE  
KeTurah Poole, SREY  
Geraldine Williams, RETIREE

## **Bond Elementary School**

*Delshauna Jackson*, Principal  
Blondie Bennett, RETIREE  
Thecla Brown, RETIREE  
Wanda Daniels, SREY  
Clara Hampton, GH  
Ira Johnson, Senior Volunteer  
Constance Manning, RETIREE  
Shanterria Robinson, TOY  
Anthony Williams, RETIREE  
Tallahassee Sunrise Rotary Club, PFE

## **Buck Lake Elementary School**

*Billy Millard*, Principal  
Jennifer Brown, SREY—Finalist  
Norine Mitchell, GH  
Rachel Ryan, TOY  
Charlie Velazquez, Mentor  
Hobbit American Grill, PFE

## **Canopy Oaks Elementary School**

*Staci Mortham*, Principal  
Bernice Brown, RETIREE  
Marie Burns, RETIREE  
Sharron Dollar, SREY  
Atricia Goode, GH  
Cathy Healy, RETIREE  
Ronald Frederick, Senior Volunteer  
Jamie McBrearty, TOY

## **Chaires Elementary School**

*Michael Holmes*, Principal  
Erin Adams, Adult Volunteer  
Tracie Davis, Mentor  
Janeen Hall, TOY  
John Herzog, GH  
Frank Pondexter, SREY  
Lester Stephens, RETIREE

## **Lawton Chiles High School**

*Joe Burgess*, Principal  
Megan Abbott, TOY  
William Buchanan, RETIREE  
Harold Cheeseborough, SREY  
Stephanie Hart, Adult Volunteer  
Leisa Johnson, RETIREE  
Sherri Kelly Kawagoye, RETIREE  
Jeffrey Lightfoot, RETIREE  
Lucy McKee, Youth Volunteer  
Rebecca Robinson, RETIREE  
Kate Strickland, GH  
Lisa Strickland, RETIREE  
Laura Vaughn, RETIREE  
Subway, PFE

## **Elizabeth Cobb Middle School**

*Sarah Hembree*, Principal  
Tiffany Davis, Mentor— DISTRICT WINNER  
Wendi Davis, GH  
Brent Hartsfield, Senior Volunteer  
Miatta Jalaber, Adult Volunteer  
Maureen Parrott, TOY  
Ava Williams, Youth Volunteer  
5 Star Pizza, PFE

GH—Glenn Howell Distinguished Educator  
RETIREE 2021-2022 Retiree  
SREY—School Related Employee of the Year  
TOY—Teacher of the Year  
PFE - Partners For Excellence



# 2021-2022 HONOREES

## **J. Michael Conley Elementary**

### **School at SouthWood**

*Jason Koerner*, Principal  
Claretha Florence, SREY  
Valencia Hallowell, TOY  
Pam Jameson, Senior Volunteer  
Barbara Myers, RETIREE  
Asia Ross, GH  
SS&P, PFE—DISTRICT WINNER

## **Deerlake Middle School**

*Stephen Mills*, Principal  
Jenny Carter, Adult Volunteer  
Dianne Jackson, RETIREE  
Linda Johnson, RETIREE /TOY—Finalist  
Victoria Lightfoot, RETIREE  
Bryan Miller, Youth Volunteer  
Joseph Miller, GH  
Carol O'Connor, RETIREE  
Dorothy Twyford, SREY

## **DeSoto Trail Elementary School**

*Michele Keltner*, Principal  
Sarah "Ashley" Bennett, TOY  
Carol Bird, RETIREE  
John Croley, Mentor  
Porshe DuPont, GH  
James "Branson" Hurst, Youth Volunteer—DISTRICT WINNER  
Jessica Milton, Adult Volunteer  
LeJina Payne, SREY—Finalist  
Erma Sever, Senior Volunteer  
Elite Sporting Goods, Small PFE

## **Early Childhood Education**

*Brooke Brunner*, Director  
Shelle Cooper, RETIREE  
Leslie Freeman, RETIREE  
Vicki Young, RETIREE

## **Exceptional Student Education**

*Dr. T. Alan Cox*, Asst Superintendent  
Joyce Delaney, RETIREE  
Lisa Kane, RETIREE  
Pamela McComb, RETIREE

## **Fairview Middle School**

*Rusty Edwards*, Principal  
Jennifer Cameron, TOY  
Alphonso Dorsey, SREY  
Amanda Farrell, GH  
Jason Fauble, Mentor  
Grace Frances, Adult Volunteer  
Phillip Hannah, RETIREE  
Mark Weismantel, RETIREE  
Emerge Church, PFE

## **Financial Services**

*Kim Banks*, Asst. Superintendent  
Brenda Whitaker, RETIREE

## **Facilities**

*Danny Allbritton*, Director  
David Akinsanya, RETIREE  
Lise Baggs, RETIREE  
Karen McCurley, RETIREE

## **Fort Braden School**

*Jimbo Jackson*, Principal  
Christine Aron, RETIREE  
Dr. Julie Baisden, GH  
Kyle Callahan, SREY  
Jan Cook, Senior Volunteer  
Bambi Jackson, RETIREE  
June Moberly, RETIREE  
Ashley Prosser, TOY—Finalist

## **Gilchrist Elementary School**

*Scotty Crowe*, Principal  
Gabrielle Ahnberg, RETIREE  
Wanda Brown, RETIREE  
Gussie Sherman, RETIREE  
Kathleen Sherman, Senior Volunteer  
Dionne Smith, RETIREE  
Kasey Sprague, SREY  
Mary Stuart, RETIREE  
Carrie Thornton, TOY  
Michelle Vasquez, GH  
Mason Walker, Youth Volunteer  
Rebekah Weldon, Adult Volunteer

## **Amos P. Godby High School**

*Desmond Cole*, Principal  
Patricia Gavin, RETIREE  
Susan Howard, RETIREE

# 2021-2022 HONOREES

## Amos P. Godby High School

Joshua Johnson, GH  
Daphne McClain, RETIREE  
Earl Moore, RETIREE  
Beverley Rines, RETIREE  
Beverly Remland, Senior Volunteer  
Cheryl Wimberley, RETIREE  
City Church, PFE

## Gretchen Everhart School

*Jane Floyd-Bullen*, Principal  
Lisa Bartholf, Adult Volunteer  
Caroline "Cara" Edenfield, TOY  
Ruby Gilyard, RETIREE  
Ronnie Herring, RETIREE  
Rykia Jackson, GH  
Gloria McCloud, RETIREE  
Altamease Miles, SREY /RETIREE - Finalist

## Griffin Middle School

*Zelena O'Banner*, Principal  
Allison Agbasoga, GH  
Maliek Denmark, Youth Volunteer  
Christin Ellrich, TOY  
Stacy Troutman, SREY  
Ruby Walker, RETIREE

## Frank Hartsfield Elementary School

*Dr. Rhonda Blackwell-Flanagan*, Principal  
Susan Fordham, RETIREE  
Nikki Glenn, SREY  
Vernisha Howard, GH— FINALIST  
Nancy Oakley, TOY  
Mary Jo Peltier, RETIREE  
Rudean Rogers, RETIREE  
Jennifer Siddoway, Adult Volunteer  
South City Foundation, PFE—WINNER

## Hawks Rise Elementary School

*Beth Jackson*, Principal  
Stephanie Allen, Adult Volunteer  
Marilyn Andrews, RETIREE  
Craig Cottingham, TOY  
Brett Filomio, GH  
Carlton Londree, RETIREE  
Kiley Newman, Youth Volunteer  
Caren Sloniker, SREY  
Susan Tarquinio, RETIREE

## Hawks Rise Elementary School

Carol Winger, Senior Volunteer  
Allstate: Tom Patterson Insurance, PFE

## Heritage Trails Community School

*Amy Alvis*, Site Administrator  
Josette Capuano, GH  
Brittany Ford, SREY  
Kenneth Wright, TOY/RETIREE

## Intervention Services

Dr. Kathleen Rodgers, RETIREE

## Killearn Lakes Elementary School

*Brenda Wagner*, Principal  
Lisa Crowe, GH  
Nancy Duff, RETIREE  
Teresa Horn, Senior Volunteer  
Dorothy Killinger, REIREE  
Susie Leckinger, RETIREE  
William McGrotha, RETIREE  
Ann Rice, SREY/ RETIREE  
Janet Roberts, RETIREE  
Angela Roeder, Adult Volunteer  
Linda Rogers, RETIREE  
Kristi Swartzman, TOY  
Karen Walker, RETIREE  
Brenda Williams, RETIREE

## Leon County

### Juvenile Detention Center

Richard Richardson, Director  
Lynn Jones, GH—FINALIST  
Robert Mayewski, RETIREE  
Anne Meisenzahl, RETIREE

## Leon High School

*Michael Bryan*, Principal  
Ricky Ardley, RETIREE  
Riley Bell, GH  
Mark Feely, RETIREE  
Elizabeth Fisher, RETIREE  
Luvine Gaines, RETIREE  
Susan Holmes, SREY  
Erin Kaven, RETIREE  
Lea Marshall, TOY-FINALIST  
Julia Sullivan, RETIREE

# 2021-2022 HONOREES

## Leon County Virtual School

Jennifer Ricardo, Principal  
Vanessa Anderson-McGhee, SREY  
Elizabeth Calhoun, TOY/GH  
Brianne Weathers, Youth Volunteer

## Lincoln High School

Dr. Allen Burch, Principal  
Jennifer Massey, Adult Volunteer  
Brian McClain, RETIREE  
Brent Monroe, GH  
Jose Morales, RETIREE  
Kathryn Sutherland, TOY  
Debra Titus, RETIREE

## Lively Technical College

Shelly Bell, Director  
Dana Barnes, RETIREE  
Winston Griffith, RETIREE  
Brenda Lake, TOY  
David Norton, RETIREE  
Mahir Rutherford, GH  
Brittani Stokes, SREY

## Maintenance

Butch Watkins, Director  
Jeffery Carter, RETIREE  
Michael Elliott, RETIREE  
Jeffrey Elofson, RETIREE  
Daniel Fields, RETIREE  
Terry McNeal, RETIREE  
Daniel Proctor, RETIREE  
Nathaniel Pye, RETIREE  
Jennifer Tucker, RETIREE  
Alvin White, RETIREE

## William J. Montford, III Middle School

Lewis Blessing, Principal  
Debra Blanton, RETIREE  
Tracy Blomeley, SREY  
Ara Hirst, RETIREE  
Shantel Lopez, GH  
Joyce Madsen, RETIREE  
Sonja Miller-Gitlin, RETIREE  
Amy Mitchell, Adult Volunteer  
Tasty Pastry, PFE  
Dr. Robin Wood, TOY—FINALIST

## R. Frank Nims Middle School

Dr. Benny Bolden, Principal  
Jerome Dilworth, Sr., SREY  
Jakari Wilcoxson, TOY  
Bethel AME Church, PFE

## Nutrition Services

Christie Meresse, Director  
Wilma Hall, RETIREE  
Patricia Hayes, RETIREE  
Christine Hirst, RETIREE  
Thomas Hollern, RETIREE  
Vernell Lovett, RETIREE  
Ted Shine, RETIREE  
Zevobia Shine, RETIREE  
Carolyn Wesley, RETIREE

## Oak Ridge Elementary School

Dr. Jasmine Smith, Principal  
Keyona Frost, Adult Volunteer  
Barbara Hardy, RETIREE  
Baleasa Hill, GH—District Winner  
LaKaysha Wideman, TOY  
Catherine Willis—RETIREE

## Pineview Elementary School

Carmen Conner, Principal  
Cavette Gray, GH—Finalist  
Eric Grayer, SREY  
Ashlyn Laughlin, TOY—District Winner  
Richard Pounsel, RETIREE  
Susan Towels, RETIREE

## Professional Learning & Curriculum Services

Shane Syfrett, Director  
Delia Pogorzelski, RETIREE

## Purchasing

June Kail, Director  
Jacqueline Mitchell, RETIREE

## Augusta Raa Middle School

Marcus Scott, Principal  
Shawn Ackerman, GH  
Patricia Biehler, RETIREE  
Shigella McGriff, SREY—FINALIST  
Alma Parker, TOY  
Cynthia Prescott, RETIREE  
Jennifer Williams, RETIREE



# 2021-2022 HONOREES

## James S. Rickards High School

*Doug Cook*, Principal  
Virginia Alexander, RETIREE  
Tanesha Bryant, Adult Volunteer  
Genise Cooper, GH  
Earl Hankerson, TOY  
Janalee Jarrett, RETIREE  
Errianna Quallo, Youth Volunteer  
Sallie Smith, Senior Volunteer-DISTRICT WINNER  
Debra Trent, Mentor  
Fred Varn, RETIREE  
Dale Washington, RETIREE  
Michael Williams, RETIREE  
Malik Woodson, SREY

## John G. Riley Elementary School

*Maurice Stokes*, Principal  
Lataurus Kelly, SREY  
Dr. Terria McKinney, GH  
Jerrod Walters, TOY  
Sarah Williams, RETIREE  
Gloria Williams, Senior Volunteer  
The Moore Agency, PFE—DISTRICT WINNER

## Roberts Elementary School

*Kim McFarland*, Principal  
Selena Amato, SREY  
Laurie Cox, RETIREE  
Monica Oskowis, RETIREE  
Lindsay Pearson, Adult Volunteer  
Dr. Arcia Shelton-Martin, GH  
Tiffanie Timmons, TOY  
Felicia Wilson, Mentor  
Pearson Realty, PFE

## Lillian Ruediger Elementary School

*Shannon Haire*, Principal  
Michael Estell, SREY  
Stacy Scruggs, RETIREE  
Sydney Sinclair, Youth Volunteer  
Breann States, TOY  
Sally Stephens, RETIREE  
Gina Whitfield, Senior Volunteer  
Caitlyn Whitley, GH—Finalist  
Generations Church, PFE

## Sabal Palm Elementary School

*Anicia Robinson*, Principal  
Yolanda Bryant-McCray, TOY  
Mae Cleveland, Senior Volunteer  
Jessica Dandridge, GH  
Allison Morales-Rodriguez, Youth Volunteer  
Leigh Nester, Mentor  
Patrick O'Bryant, Adult Volunteer  
Susan Parsons, RETIREE  
Roderick Sailor, SREY— District Winner  
Lucky Goat Coffee Co., PFE

## SAIL High School

*Matt Roberson*, Principal  
Jeremi Adams, Adult Volunteer  
Emily Bell, TOY  
Rashaad Epps, Youth Volunteer  
Keith Kennedy, Mentor  
Anthony Mills, SREY  
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Charles Robshaw, Jr., RETIREE

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*David Solz*, Director  
Gia Jelinek, RETIREE

## Sealey Elementary Math & Science Magnet School

*Demetria Clemons*, Principal  
Melanie Alexis, TOY  
Wendy Halleck, Senior Volunteer  
Daytra Jackson, SREY  
Heather Mott, RETIREE  
LaSonya Scott, GH  
Faith Presbyterian Church, PFE

## Second Chance and Success Academy @ Ghazvini Learning Center

*Dr. Kelvin Norton*, Principal  
Brenda Scott, RETIREE  
Randall Austin, GH

## 2021-2022 HONOREES

### Springwood Elementary School

*Sylvia Myers*, Principal  
Alexandra Abreu, Mentor  
Mignette Aker, RETIREE  
Stephanie Cantrell, SREY  
Paulette Crowley, RETIREE  
Kimberly Davidson, Adult Volunteer  
Sharima Hayes, GH  
Georgia Kubiak, Youth Volunteer  
Tabitha Lovett, TOY

### Kate Sullivan Elementary School

*Julie Lawson*, Principal  
Roberta Klawinski, RETIREE  
Wendy Martin, SREY  
Dorothy "Dottie" Schaffner, TOY  
Kara Weaver, GH

### Swift Creek Middle School

*Sue Rishell*, Principal/RETIREE  
Elizabeth Brown-Patterson, TOY  
Karen Breman, RETIREE  
Joy Burke-Marshall, GH  
Marylee Hallam, SREY  
Melissa Wright, Adult Volunteer-DISTRICT WINNER

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*Bill Nimmons*, Director  
Jeanette "Rowena" Cook, RETIREE  
Norman "David" Conner, RETIREE  
Robert Leynes, RETIREE  
David Martin, Jr., RETIREE  
Mike Miller, RETIREE  
Faye Watson, RETIREE

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Clarence Daniels, RETIREE  
Fredrick Nathan, RETIREE  
Eddie Green, RETIREE  
Willie Mae Heard, RETIREE  
Emma Hicks, RETIREE  
James Hopkins, Jr., RETIREE  
Lula Kenon, RETIREE  
Erma Lynn, RETIREE  
Julia Morgan, RETIREE  
Alberia Washington, RETIREE  
Reginald Wilson, RETIREE

### Warehouse

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David Derby, RETIREE

### W.T. Moore Elementary School

*Kerri Anderson*, Principal, GH  
Bernard Barrington, RETIREE  
Jane Brylow, TOY  
Katherine Chitty, RETIREE  
Sandra Hudson, RETIREE  
Mary Johnson, RETIREE  
Tammy McMullen, RETIREE  
Gretchen Scott, SREY

### Woodville (K-8) School

*Dr. Lisa Mehr*, Principal  
Hannah Allbritton, SREY  
Michelle Clinger, TOY  
Julie Hannon, Adult Volunteer  
Corey Pendleton, GH  
First Baptist Church Woodville, PFE

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RETIREE 2021-2022 Retiree  
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**Teacher of the Year**

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Jennifer Cameron, Teacher of the Year  
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**Honors our 2021-2022 Educators of Distinction**



**Ms. Shantel Lopez  
Glenn-Howell  
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of the Year**



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LCS District Finalist**



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## Elementary School



**KRISTI SWARTZMAN**  
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**LISA CROWE**  
Glenn-Howell Distinguished Educator



**ANN RICE**  
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### We honor our **2022 Retirees**

Nancy Duff, Dot Killinger, Susie Leckinger, Hank McGrotha, Vicki Rhodes,  
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**Kathryn Sutherland**  
Teacher of the Year



**Brent Monroe**  
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Educator of the Year



**Alison Leach**  
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the Year

### Congratulations to Lincoln's 2021-2022 Winners



*Teacher of the Year*



*Shauntavia Robinson*

*Dist. Glenn Howell Distinguished Educator*



*Clara Hampton*

*2021 Winners*

*School-Related Employee of the Year*



*Wanda Daniels*

*Congratulations!*




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Leon County Virtual School 2021-2022 Honorees



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Teacher of the Year  
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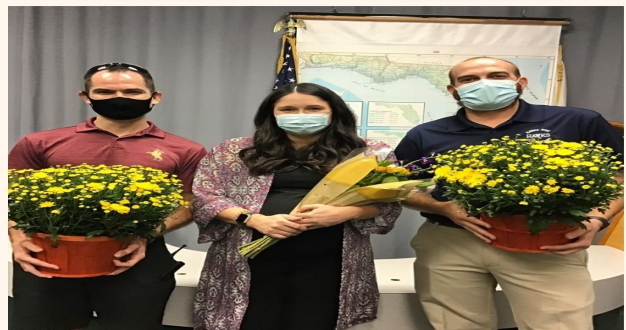


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School Related Employee of the Year

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**Teacher of the Year**  
*Ms. Latasha Jones*



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*Michelle Clinger*  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR



*Corey Pendleton*  
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*Hannah Allbritton*  
SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

# GRIFFIN MIDDLE SCHOOL



*Christen Ellrich  
Teacher of the Year*



*Allison Agbasoga  
Glenn-Howell Educator of the Year*



*Stacy Troutman  
School Related Employee of the Year*



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1985—2021

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1978—2021

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*Logan Hurst*

1981—2021

Canopy Oaks Elementary School

*Anurak Julaka*

1963—2022

Transportation

*Sammaela Carter*

1966—2022

Bond Elementary School

*Janet Mejia*

1953—2022

Killearn Elementary School

*Tracy Jefferson*

1972—2022

James S. Rickards High School

*Elizabeth Calhoun*

1980—2022

Leon Virtual School

*Arthur Stephens, Sr.*

1952 - 2022

W.T. Moore Elementary School

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